

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Claim 1 are supported by the specification at page 22.

Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-24 and 26-30 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Mulcahy for the helpful comments set forth in paragraph 6 of the Office Action dated November 30, 2007.

In the amendment submitted above, Claim 1 has been amended to specify from 0.3 to 15% by weight of (D) at least one compound having a dielectric constant of greater than or equal to 9. In addition, the amines have been specified as ethanolamine, 1,2-ethanediamine, propanolamine and mixtures thereof.

Since the amount of (D) has been specified and the amines are not sterically hindered, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Pennewiss references is believed to be overcome. Those references fail to suggest the specified amount of (D) and the amines explicitly recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims for obviousness-type double-patenting over U.S. patent No. 7,250,458 is respectfully traversed. The claims of the '458 patent fail to suggest the specified amount of component (D) where the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, butanol, glycerol and mixtures thereof and the amine is selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, 1,2-ethanediamine, propanolamine and mixtures thereof. Accordingly, the claims of the present application are not obvious in view of the claims of the '458 patent. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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